

AMENDMENT

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ALUMINUM MATERIAL HAVING A1N REGION ON THE SURFACE

THEREOF AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to computation of the claim fee and examination of this application, please amend the application as follows.

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